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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: ) METHOD OF MELTING MATERIAL  
JOSEPH SIRGEDAS ) BETWEEN TELESCOPINGLY  
 ) ENGAGED ELEMENTS  
Ser. No.: 09/722,775 ) Examiner: L. Edmondson  
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AMENDMENT "B"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated April 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- B). sub a) 1. (amended) A method of forming a meltable material at a joint between telescopingly engaged male and female elements, said method comprising the steps of:  
directing the male element into the female element so that the male and female elements are telescopingly engaged and a radially facing joint surface on the female element surrounds a radially facing joint surface on the male element;

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